

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

RHONG NHORN,

Petitioner,

v.

MERRICK GARLAND, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. C24-89-TMC-MLP

ORDER APPOINTING FEDERAL
PUBLIC DEFENDER

This is a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 immigration habeas action. Petitioner has filed a motion to appoint counsel. (Dkt. # 2.) Having considered the motion, Petitioner's financial eligibility, and the balance of the record, the Court finds and ORDERS:

(1) The Court is in receipt of a letter from the Federal Public Defender's Office indicating that this case falls within the class of cases potentially governed by *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001). Because of the complex issues involved in this case, the interests of justice require that counsel be appointed for Petitioner. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). As required by statute, Petitioner has demonstrated financial eligibility for such appointment. *See id.* Accordingly, Petitioner's request for appointment of counsel (dkt. # 2) is GRANTED. The Court appoints the Federal Public Defender to represent Petitioner in these proceedings.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2024.

MICHELLE L. PETERSON
United States Magistrate Judge